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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:** 

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (previously presented): A device for promoting wound healing in mammals,

comprising:

a negative pressure source;

a pad for placement within a wound of a mammal;

a drape for sealing and enclosing said pad on said wound and for maintaining a reduced

pressure within said wound;

a fluid communication means for communicating between said negative pressure source

and said pad; and

a heating element for actively heating said pad;

wherein said heating element is in contact with said pad;

wherein said heating element comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures

and fixedly connected such that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.

Claims 12 through 14 (canceled).

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Claim 15 (currently amended): The device according to claim 12 A device for promoting wound

healing in mammals, comprising:

a negative pressure source;

a pad for placement within a wound of a mammal;

a drape for sealing and enclosing said pad on said wound and for maintaining a reduced

pressure within said wound;

a fluid communication means for communicating between said negative pressure source

and said pad;

a heating element for actively heating said pad; and

a cooling element for actively cooling said pad subsequent to heating said pad; and

wherein said cooling element comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures and

fixedly connected such that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The device according to claim 1415 further comprising a

source of warm fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The device according to claim 15 further comprising a source

of cool fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.

Claims 18 and 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (currently amended): A device for promoting wound healing in mammals, comprising:

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a negative pressure source;

a pad for placement within a wound of a mammal;

a cover for maintaining a reduced pressure within the wound;

a fluid communication means for communication between said negative pressure source

and said pad; and

a cooling element for actively cooling said pad, The device according to claim 18

wherein said cover is interposed between said pad and said cooling element.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The device according to claim 2018 wherein said cooling

element comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures and fixedly connected such

that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The device according to claim 2019 further comprising a heating

element for actively heating said pad subsequent to cooling said pad, and wherein said heating

element comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures and fixedly connected such

that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The device according to claim 21 further comprising a source

of cool fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The device according to claim 22 further comprising a source

of warm fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.

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Claim 25 (previously presented): A device for promoting wound healing in mammals,

comprising:

a negative pressure source;

a pad for placement within a wound of a mammal;

a cover for maintaining a reduced pressure within said wound;

a fluid communication means for communicating between said negative pressure source

and said pad; and

a heating and cooling pad for affecting metabolic function at said wound, and positioned

proximate said pad.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The device according to claim 25 wherein said heating and

cooling pad comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures and fixedly connected

such that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The device according to claim 25 further comprising a source

of warm or cool fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.

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